Senator Richard Schweiker,
Room 347, Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

1/6/76

Dear Dick,

Enclosed with this will be a carbon of my letter to Specter. I will be sending it by certified mail tomorrow. We have no outgoing mail until then.

Some of the questions were asked, the tape was made and played to me over the phone so I could tape it, by a Philadelphia reporter who as an undergraduate was in an audience before which I appeared in early 1967.

Specter waited until the tapes were off to make the crack about you. In context it was a crack. It is not in Specter's voice but is reported to me by the reporter.

Specter is in trouble on this and he would like to use the clear advantage he has over you on knowledge of his part of your work and other matters . One of these is that you are both now blaming only the FBI, CIA, etc. This relieves him of an enormous part of the burden and to a degree has you arguing his side. In addition to that, the Commission is not innocent in those areas that have attracted most of the recent public attention. (I once told you that most of those who have become recognized as "experts" are by virtue of public relations only.)

I don't know how far you have gotten in Post Mortem. It does not contain all I know and I don't retain all it holds. But I don't think there is anyone who has the knowledge I do and most of those who claim expertise in the medical area don't really know it. The most widely quoted can be quoted in almost any way about it. As I believe Post Mortem reports, I had to try to give him his basic understanding of fairly clear English. It is his knowledge of my knowledge that has impelled Specter to defer or reject any confrontation with me all these years.

So, while I don't expect him to accept now, I'm making a new effort now. And if I get an invitation to address a Pennsylvania audience I'll read this letter and some of the past ones and then deal with Specter's record as well as the FBI's, which is not primary in the medical evidence. Moreover, I'll ask the lecture bureau I now have to circularize Pennsylvania colleges with this letter and a statement that Specter is afraid to face his own record.

The crack about you after the taping stopped was that he'd debate you. In time I presume this will get back to you and that you will resist the temptation.

GSA has elected to give me the missing pages of CD1347 rather than go to court.

I have expanded the complaint in CA 75-1996, for the King materials. The government is building a better record for me by lying. The FBI unloaded a bum steer on your committee with all its "revelations" about Hoover and King. Only two were new. One didn't happen. I'm following it as best I can, more than one way. I may have help by the end of the week. But when it knew only one of the disclosures was new and had a chance of coming out in any event why it created a furore over what it did not do and knew had not happened I think indicates a desire to direct attention away from what may well have happened. My analysis of what this was is what I'm trying to pursue.

Thanks for your recent note.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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